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DATE: 7/31/53

FROM : SAC, DENVER (87-1634)

SUBJECT: VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA,
was. et al
ITSP; MAIL FRAUD; CONSPIRACY

Re Los Angeles letter 7/19/53 and Los Angeles airtel 7/27/53.

ARTHUR LEWIS CLARK, was., arrived in Denver on United Airlines flight 706 from Los Angeles 3:30 PM, July 29, 1953. He made no contact at the Denver Municipal Airport and proceeded immediately to the Mayflower Hotel in Denver, where he is registered as ARTHUR CLARK. Spot surveillances revealed no contact between CLARK and BRADING.

On July 16, 1953, DN-119-C reported that CLARK was then staying at the Argonaut Hotel, Denver, and planned to move to the Mayflower hotel on July 17, 1953.

Denver phone number MA 3101 mentioned in Los Angeles airtel July 27, 1953, is listed to the Argonaut Hotel.

R. L. BAUMAN, mentioned Los Angeles airtel July 27, 1953, has been previously identified in connection with this investigation as ROGER L. BAUMAN, independent oil operator of Dallas, Texas, who is a close friend and associate of ARTHUR LEWIS CLARK.

During the last several months DN-119-C and DN-123-C have regularly reported that ARTHUR LEWIS CLARK has been spending a great amount of time in Denver and that he has been staying at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the Brown Palace hotel, as well as the Argonaut and Mayflower Hotels on various occasions. DN-119-C has stated that CLARK is associated with BAUMAN and SAMUEL S. GARFIELD in oil drilling operations in the vicinity of Newcastle, Wyoming.

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There is being enclosed for the information of Los Angeles one copy of the report of SA PAUL E. BUSH dated August 27, 1952 at Denver in the PEREIRA case. This report contains considerable information concerning CLARK and GARFIELD. Reference is also made therein on the administrative page of the report to ROBERT L. BAUMAN. It is noted that in this report it is reflected that while CLARK was in custody of the Denver Police Department in June of 1952, he was interviewed by agents of the Denver Office at which time he furnished considerable background information concerning himself and stated that he and SAM GARFIELD were then establishing offices in Denver under the name of the Crude Oil Producing Corp. Since that time offices of the Crude Oil Producing Corp. have been opened at 1850 California Street in Denver, and the office is being maintained by one IRVING PASTERNAK, whose residence address is 4000 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver, Colorado, telephone number Plaza 51947. The telephone number of the Crude Oil Producing Corp. is CH 7467.

During the past year periodic spot checks of telephone calls made by CLARK from his hotel rooms in Denver reflect that he is in frequent contact with VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA. During the interview with CLARK in June, 1952 he acknowledged acquaintance with PEREIRA and BRADING, and DN-119-C, DN-123-C have stated that it is their impression that CLARK and his associates have obtained large amounts of money from PEREIRA and his wife ostensibly for the purpose of investing the same in oil drilling operations.

During the past year, PEREIRA and BRADING made statements reflecting that they were "in the oil business with Mr. CLARK and Mr. GARFIELD."

DN-119-C and DN-123-C have reported that no information has come to their attention reflecting that CLARK is engaging in any illegal activity in Denver. Spot checks of CLARK's telephone calls reflects that he is in frequent contact with various oil operators in Denver.

It is further noted that Capt. WILLIAM P. SANDERS reported in June, 1953 that he had received information through a source which he is not at liberty to divulge, that while at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in June, 1953, CLARK was in frequent telephone contact with the law firm of SILVESTER and HARRIS, New York City. He appeared to be on very friendly terms with

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one SIDNEY HARRIS of that firm. It is noted that the firm of SILVESTER and HARRIS is presently representing PEREIRA and BRADING in the appeal of their case to the United States Supreme Court. It is noted that on one occasion in June, 1953 HARRIS is reported to have told CLARK that PEREIRA was having trouble getting money from his wife and is practically broke, to which CLARK responded to tell that stupid (PEREIRA) to start putting the pressure on her (meaning Mrs. PEREIRA) and make her cough up some of that dough.

This same source reported that in June, 1953 CLARK was in frequent contact with CHARLEY CORLEY, who is reported to be operating a vending machine business in Los Angeles. At that time CORLEY was planning to meet ARTIE CLARK, JR., (son of ARTHUR LEWIS CLARK), who was arriving in Los Angeles by plane. At that time CORLEY was planning to pick up VICTOR PEREIRA at the Beverly-Carlton Hotel in Beverly Hills and have PEREIRA accompany him to the airport, inasmuch as PEREIRA is well acquainted with young CLARK.

DN-119-C, DN-123-C and DN-115-C, have, during the last year, identified CHARLES CORLEY, formerly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a friend and associate of various gamblers in the Denver area, including ARTHUR LEWIS CLARK. DN-115-C has reported that CORLEY, several months ago, left Denver with the intention of seeking to establish a business in Los Angeles, California. It is noted that CORLEY is a close friend and associate of GERALD D. ALLEN, wa. Gerry Allen, who is known in Kansas City, Missouri and Denver as a former "high roller" gambler.

A photograph of ARTHUR LEWIS CLARK, which was taken at the time of his arrest by the Denver Police Department in June, 1952 is enclosed to Los Angeles.

It is noted that by teletype dated June 15, 1953, Denver informed the Bureau, El Paso and other interested offices that as of June 9, 1953 EUGENE BRADING was at the Statler Hotel in New York City, telephone number Pennsylvania 65000 and on June 10, 1953 ARTHUR CLARK was at the Stanton Hotel in New York City, telephone number Eldorado 5400. No information has been received by the Denver Office as to the whereabouts of BRADING since that time.

El Paso and the Bureau are requested to inform Denver

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as to whether additional active investigation is desired concerning the movements of PEREIRA and BRADING, in view of the instructions contained in Bureau teletype to Denver dated June 15, 1953 to the effect that it was no longer necessary to maintain spot checks of their activities since the Supreme Court had granted certiorari on subject's appeal.

El Paso is requested to inform Denver whether BRADING's presence in New York City was verified pursuant to Denver teletype of June 15, 1953 and whether El Paso has information concerning his subsequent whereabouts.

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